

## Senate Resolution 261

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Mullis of the 53rd, Williams of the 19th and Johnson of the 1st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Waffle House, Inc.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Waffle House, Inc., began as a dream shared by two neighbors, Joe Rogers, Sr.,  
3 and Tom Forkner who wanted to create a restaurant focused on people, both associates and  
4 customers, while serving quality food at a great value; and

5 WHEREAS, on Labor Day, 1955, their dream became a reality, and an icon was born when  
6 the first Waffle House restaurant opened its doors in Avondale Estates, an Atlanta suburb;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, today, the Waffle House restaurant system operates more than 1,450 company  
9 and franchise restaurants in 25 states, serves more than 95 million cups of coffee each year,  
10 and is the world's leading server of waffles, T-bone steaks, hashbrowns, cheese 'n eggs,  
11 USDA Choice hamburgers, country ham, pork chops, and grits; and

12 WHEREAS, Waffle House delivers GOOD FOOD FAST under its familiar, bright yellow  
13 signs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

14 WHEREAS, the company headquarters of Waffle House, Inc., is located in Norcross,  
15 Georgia, and Waffle House takes pride in calling the State of Georgia its home; and

16 WHEREAS, as an employee owned and run company, Waffle House has been a vehicle for  
17 diverse individuals to work within a system supporting a common goal of providing quality  
18 food and friendly service; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Don Balfour has loyally served Waffle House as an executive and as  
20 vice president of advocacy for a number of years, and Waffle House, Inc., has graciously  
21 allowed him to serve his district with the devotion that Georgians deserve.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
2 join in recognizing and commending Waffle House, Inc., for its many years of efficient and  
3 friendly service to the citizens of Georgia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Waffle House, Inc.